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<TEXT>PLEASE READ MY ADDITIONS (TYPED IN CAPS).

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! (I HONESTLY CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY MORE!) I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. (I DO NOT MAKE ANY LONG DISTANCE CALLS BECAUSE I AM ON A RESTRICTED CALLING PLAN BUT YET I STILL PAY THIS FEE.) In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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